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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS STATEMENT

HERE IS THE STATEMENT I PROPOSE TO MAKE WHEN I PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. I WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 5, NEW DELHI TIME.

1. BEGIN QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HIGH HONOR TO PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INDIA. PARA 2 OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE, IN RECENT YEARS, MOVED WITH DIGNITY AND FRANKNESS TO RESOLVE A SERIES OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND TO ESTABLISH OUR RELATIONS ON A NEW BASIS OF MATURITY, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING AND ELABORATING OUR PRACTICAL RELATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE. IT WILL BE MY DUTY AND PLEASURE TO HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THIS PROCESS. PARA 3 TWO GREAT NATIONS SUCH AS OURS DO NOT ALWAYS SEE YEE-TO-EYE ON ALL ISSUES. BUT IN ESSENCE OUR RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE ONE WHICH ENABLES US TO COMMUNICATE WITH REASON, SENSITIVITY AND UNDERSTANDING, BOTH ON THOSE GREAT ISSUES WHICH OUR COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE AS CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND, AND ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARISE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. PARA . 4 WE SHOULD AND MUST WORK TOGETHER TOWARD COMMON GOALS AND COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT US ALL. FOREMOST AMONG THESE GOALS

IS PEACE -- PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND PEACE IN THE WORLD AT LARGE. MY GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO PURSUE POLICIES WHICH FURTHER THESE GOALS IN THE WORLD, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING THE AREA OF SOUTH ASIA. I AM DEEPLY AND PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO THESE GOALS MYSELF, AND TO THE RESPECT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES CHERISH. IN THIS AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE, I AM ALSO AWARE OF THE NEED TO LINK THESE VALUES TO THE BROADER REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. PARA. 5 THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE DEMOCRACIES -- INDEED THE TWO LARGEST IN THE WORLD. THIS DOES NOT, IN ITSELF, MEAN THAT OUR RELATIONS WILL BE CLOSER THAN WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, OR THAT THEY WILL NECESSARILY RUN MORE SMOOTHLY. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF THE PROBLEMS, PROCESSES AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH GO INTO MAKING POLICY AND DECISIONS IN EACH OTHER'S SYSTEMS. PARA. 6. THIS YEAR, INDIA CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS A REPUBLIC. IT IS MY PROUD HONOR, MR. PRESIDENT, TO BE ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO INDIA AT THIS TIME, AS WELL AS DURING THE PERIOD OF CELEBRATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF THE BICENTENARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AS FREE, INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC STATES. DURING THESE HISTORIC TIMES, IT IS MY HOPE THAT MY EMBASSY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING THE BONDS WHICH ALREADY EXISTS BETWEEN US AND THAT WE CAN ENLARGE THE AREAS IN WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN FRUITFULLY COOPERATE. END QUOTE.

2. FYI. NEA HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 8.

NOTE BY OC/T: CORRECTION IS TO TEXT PARA 1, NOT PARA 2 AS INDICATED ON FOOTNOTE OF INCOMPLETE VERSION.

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